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I SPOKE TO FONMIN ABOUT P & I IN SEPTEMBER FOLLOWING MY RETURN FROM US (EMB A-96), BUT HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED FROM WASHINGTON. NEITHER FONMIN NOR MAKARIOS HAS MENTIONED SUBJECT SINCE, BUT LAST WEEK LOCAL NEWSHEET WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE PIPELINE TO MAKARIOS' SECRETARIAT AND, ON ITS OWN, FREQUENTLY ATTACKS USG POLICIES, PRINTED EXAGGERATED ACCOUNT OF PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY USG PERSONNEL HERE AND PREDICTED THEY WOULD SOON BE CUT OUT FOR ALL BUT HANDFUL. PAPADOPOULOS ALSO MENTIONED SUBJECT TO [REDACTED] BUT DID NOT HAVE CHANCE TO SPELL OUT SOMETHING IS CLEARLY COOKING.

I SHOULD, ACCORDINGLY, HAVE INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST, ALTHOUGH I WILL, IF MATTER IS MENTIONED MEANWHILE, AGAIN SAY THAT I BELIEVE, ON BASIS OF MY OWN DISCUSSIONS WHILE IN WASHINGTON THIS SUMMER, THAT WE SEEKS TO BE MOVING TOWARD BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH I WILL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS AS SOON AS I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT MEANWHILE IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE FOR GOC TO PICK UP CYPRIOT ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S SUGGESTION THAT INTERIOR MINISTER SET ASIDE BLOCK OF LICENSE PLATES AND ISSUES THEM ON TEMPORARY BASIS.

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I NOW BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN GOC REPLIES, IT WILL RAISE NOT ONLY THIS SUBJECT, BUT ALSO IMPORTS GENERALLY, FPO AND COMMISSARY. KEY TO SITUATION, IN MY OPINION, IS FINDING SOME WAY OF ADOPTING SUBSTANCE OF VIENNA CONVENTION FOR ALL USG PERSONNEL AND RECOMPENSING NON-DIPLOMATIC MEMBERS OF STAFF THROUGH COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE OR OTHER MEANS FOR PRIVILEGES WHICH THEY LOSE. IN THIS WAY, USG EMPLOYEES WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE EQUIVALENT BENEFITS, UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT OF LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS WOULD NOT BE SET WHICH OTHER GOVERNMENTS

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MIGHT FOLLOW, AND AT SAME TIME GOC WOULD GET WHAT IT WANTS
AND NEEDS -- MONEY-- AND SMALL POLITICAL VICTORY AT NO
SUBSTANTIAL DISADVANTAGE TO OURSELVES.

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